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German Democratic Republic

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GDR IMPORT INFORMATION

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This [REDACTED] document contains records of three separate import operations. Each exhibit of each operation occurs in duplicate (in two cases there are extra copies, see infra).

1. An import transaction covering delivery of 16,600 kilograms of ferromanganese ore from Ventspils to Rostock in the M/S VORWAERTS. The exhibits include a bill of lading, railway freight bill, specification, transfer certificate (two extra copies), telegram and letter of confirmation from DERUTRA (German-Soviet Transportation Corp.) to DIA (Intra-German and Foreign Trade Agency)Metals Division, and a letter from DIA Metals Division to the Thale Iron and Metallurgical Works, the consignee, asking for confirmation of delivery. [REDACTED]

2. This operation concerns an effort to procure 40 kilograms of platinum beyond the trade agreement provisions. There are three exhibits: a letter, [REDACTED] from DIA HA(Commercial Policy Division) to DIA Metals Division asking the latter to set in motion a request for the extra platinum; a letter [REDACTED] (3 copies in German, 1 in Russian) from Bychkov (fnu), Chief, Export Division of the Soviet Trade Mission in the GDR, to DIA Metals Division stating that the request has been turned over to Raznoimport (Soviet Import Agency); letter from DIA Metals Division to Bychkov's division, [REDACTED] urging haste in the matter.

3. This transaction concerns the shipment of 14,490 kilograms of mercury from the USSR through Raznoimport and DIA Metals Division to the Buna Chemical Plant in Schkopau. With this shipment Buna has received a total of 93,357 kilograms of its year's allotment of 200 tons. The exhibits include a telegram and confirming letter from Buna to DIA Metals Division, [REDACTED] verifying receipt; a statement to DHZM (German Trade Center for Metals), Berlin, [REDACTED] recording shipment (the cost is given as 126,787.50 Deutsche marks); a handwritten copy of the contents of the preceding exhibit; an exchange of two letters between DHZM and DIA Metals Division (8 and [REDACTED] checking weight of shipment.

The foreign language document or a microfilm of it [REDACTED] is available from CIA Library, [REDACTED]

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